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Cottonwood AZ., Kirsten Lennon, Accounting/Budget Manager for the City of Cottonwood has been selected to participate in Class XXV of Project CENTRL, The Center for Rural Leadership

Ms. Lennon has been a resident of Cottonwood for over 30 years and worked in the Finance Department at the City of Cottonwood for 15 years. She is a graduate of Old Dominion University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a Major in Accounting. She is a Class VII graduate of the Verde Valley Leadership program and currently serves on the Board for Verde Valley Leadership as the Treasurer.

Project CENTRL inspires a life-long journey of Rural Arizona Leadership. With over 600 graduates since beginning in 1983, Project CENTRL's impact on rural Arizona is significant and substantial as participants hold many leadership positions around the State.

Sixteen participants were selected for Class XXV which held its first seminar June 17-18, at the Wigwam Resort in Litchfield, Arizona. Over the next year, the new class will have six seminars held throughout Arizona, a public policy trip to Washington D.C. and an international study tour in Mexico.

New class members attended the graduation for Class XXIV with keynote speaker Dr. Lowell Catlett, a futurist with positive and upbeat predictions. Alumni include leaders in municipal, state, and national positions in both public and private institutions. While the graduation celebration welcomes its new class, the award ceremony demonstrates that "graduation" is only the beginning of their leadership journey, not the end.

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